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Education

University of Pittsburgh 2014 – 2020
Ph.D in Molecular Biophysics and Structural Biology Pittsburgh, PA
- Thesis title: "Targeting the Poly (ADP-Ribose) Polymerase-1 Catalytic Pocket Using AutoGrow4, a Genetic Algorithm for *De Novo* Design"

Ph.D Minor in Teaching

Carnegie Mellon University 2013 – 2014
Ph.D. Student in Molecular Biophysics and Structural Biology Pittsburgh, PA

Stony Brook University 2009 – 2013
B.Eng. in Biomedical Engineering - Cellular and Molecular Biology Track Stony Brook, NY

Research Experience

University of Pittsburgh 2013 – 2020
Ph.D. Candidate/Researcher in Dr. Jacob Durrant's laboratory Pittsburgh, PA
- Designed, developed, documented, and maintained multiple Python open-source programs for computer-aided drug designed (CADD) and cheminformatics; parallelized code for multiprocessing
- Applied CADD techniques to biological targets; performed molecular dynamic (MD) and weighted ensemble MD simulations on multiple proteins; performed protein homology modeling
- Completed independent and collaborative projects
- Authored scientific articles for publication
- Mentored, managed, and designed projects for/with undergraduate and graduate students

Ph.D. Candidate in Dr. Roger Hendrix's laboratory
- Studied bacteriophages using biochemical, molecular genetic, and X-ray crystallography techniques
- Engineered plasmids; designed protein purification protocols; purified proteins for X-ray crystallography

Stony Brook University 2011 – 2013
Undergraduate Researcher in Dr. Balaji Sitharaman's laboratory Stony Brook, NY
- Studied nanoparticle drug delivery system targeting cancer cells
- Designed alternative exfoliation protocol to produced graphene sheets from graphite

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory 2007 – 2010
Researcher in Dr. Jonathan Sebat's laboratory Woodbury, NY
- Semi-Finalist, Intel Science Talent Search
- Designed and conducted independent population genetic study
- Performed microarray experiments searching for polymorphism in autism, bipolar disorder, and schizophrenia patients

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles
- **Spiegel, J.O.**, Durrant, J.D. AutoGrow4: an open-source genetic algorithm for *de novo* drug design and lead optimization. J Cheminform 12, 25 (2020). http://doi.org/ggwwcp
- Ropp, P.J., **Spiegel, J.O.**, et al. Gypsum-DL: an open-source program for preparing small-molecule libraries for structure-based virtual screening. J Cheminform 11, 34 (2019). http://doi.org/gf48dh

Articles in Preparation
- **Spiegel, J.O.**, O'Donnell, A., Durrant, J.D., (2020). Molecular dynamics of α-arrestin TXNIP.
- **Spiegel, J.O.**, Durrant, J.D., (2020). Poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase 1 (PARP1) DNA-Repair Mechanisms, Molecular Binding, and Pharmacology
- **Spiegel, J.O.**, Durrant, J.D., Bowman, R., O'Donnell, A. (2020). Putting the brakes on α-arrestin trafficking: α-arrestin regulation by phosphorylation and ubiquitination.

Awards

Abe and Jean Comensky Memorial Scholarship 2019

Amdursky Scholarship 2019

Biomedical Graduate Student Association Travel Award University of Pittsburgh 2018
- Awarded for oral presentation at RDKit UGM 2018 at Cambridge University, Cambridge, England

Conference Presentations

Oral Presentations
- **Spiegel, J.O.**, Ropp, P.J., and Durrant, J.D. "Autogrow 4.0: Improved Genetic Algorithm for *de novo* Computer Aided Drug Design" Oral presentation at the RDKit UGM 2018, Cambridge University, Cambridge England September 20, 2018
- **Spiegel, J.O.**, Ropp, P.J., and Durrant, J.D. "Autogrow 4.0: Improved Genetic Algorithm for *de novo* Computer Aided Drug Design" Oral presentation at the MBSB 2018 Symposium, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA May 18, 2018

Poster Presentations
- **Spiegel, J.O.**, Ropp, P.J., and Durrant, J.D. "Autogrow 4.0: Improved Genetic Algorithm for *de novo* Computer Aided Drug Design" Poster presentation at the MBSB 2019 Symposium, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA May 13, 2019
- **Spiegel, J.O.**, Duda, R., and Hendrix, R. "Structure determination of λ Tail Assembly Chaperone" Poster presentation at the XXV 2017 Conference on Phage and Virus Assembly, Ellicott City, Maryland August 23, 2017
- **Spiegel, J.O.**, Duda, R., and Hendrix, R. "Structure determination of λ Tail Assembly Chaperone" Poster presentation at the MBSB 2017 Symposium, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA May 19, 2017
- **Spiegel, J.O.**, Duda, R., and Hendrix, R. "Structure of λ Tail Assembly Chaperone" Poster presentation at the MBSB 2016 Symposium, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA May 13, 2016
- **Spiegel, J.O.**, Duda, R., and Hendrix, R. "ΦHau3 Ribosomal Bypass Mechanism" Poster presentation at the MBSB 2015 Symposium, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA May 15, 2015

Leadership and Outreach

Sigma Phi Delta Engineering Fraternity 2010 – 2020
- International Scholastic Development Manager
- Founding member of the Beta-Eta Chapter at Stony Brook University
- Rush Chairman, Sergeant at Arms, Alumni Relations Manager, Risk Reduction Manager, Initiate Education and Academic Chairman

Mars Elementary School Science Fair 2018 – 2019
- Volunteer judge at Mars Elementary School Science Fair 2018 & 2019 Mars, PA

Engineers Without Borders USA 2010 – 2013
- Founding Member of the Stony Brook University chapter
- Project Development Manager

Teaching Experience

University of Pittsburgh 2018 – 2020
Ph.D. Minor in Teaching (2018-2020) Pittsburgh, PA

- A two-year graduate-level program. The program included pedagogy training, teaching mentoring, and teaching experience

Guest Lecturer: Computational Biology Research (January 31, 2020)

- A three-hour long lecture of 25 students. Designed lesson plan and homework assignment, administered lesson and coordinated in-class discussion using active learning techniques, and designed exam questions for the final
- Coarse covered an intermediate level of Python coding, with focuses in using third-party APIs including RDKit, Numpy, and Scipy. This lesson also detailed Python Enhancement Proposals (PEP) practices and introduced the core concepts of cheminformatics

Undergraduate Research Mentor (Fall 2018 – Fall 2019)

- Held weekly supervision meetings, assisted in project design and code reviews culminating in mentee's authorship on the Gypsum-DL paper (2019)

Guest Lecturer: Computational Biology (March 21, 2019)

- Hour long lecture of 25 students. Designed lesson plans and homework assignments, administered lessons and coordinated in-class discussion using active learning techniques, and designed exam questions for the final
- Course covered protein druggability, tools for predicting project success rate, rare and tropical diseases, drug toxicity, drug specificity

Graduate Teaching Assistant: Biochemistry Lab (Spring 2019)

- Two separate lab sessions of a combined 38 students. Designed lectures and experiments for the class, designed assignments, graded notebooks and assignments, and prepared materials for in-class experiments
- Course covered aseptic technique, cloning, fusion protein construct, protein induction in E. coli, protein purification, gel electrophoresis, lab notebooks

Graduate Teaching Assistant: Macromolecular Structure and Function (Fall 2018)

- Weekly lectures and four separate recitation sections for 100 students. Designed lectures and lesson plans, managed undergraduate teaching assistants, and graded papers
- Course covered fundamentals of structural biology, enzyme catalysis, proteomics, fundamentals of biochemistry

Guest Lecture: Biochemistry Lab (February 26, 2018)

- Two hour-long lectures with a total of 38 students. Designed lesson plans and homework assignments, administered lessons
- Lesson was to overview virology, focusing on the classification of virus, viral structure and function, and describe the phage HK97, which students would be studying throughout the semester.

Graduate Teaching Assistant: Biochemistry Lab (Spring 2018)

- Two lab sessions with a total of 38 students. Designed lectures and experiments for the class, designed assignments, graded notebooks and assignments, and prepared materials for in-class experiments
- Course covered phage biology, aseptic technique, cloning, fusion protein construct, protein induction in E. coli, protein purification, gel electrophoresis, lab notebooks

Carnegie Mellon University 2014 – 2014
Graduate Teaching Assistant: Virology (Spring 2014) Pittsburgh, PA

- Class of 50 students. Conducted recitations, aided in lectures, and graded assignments and exams.
- Course covered bacteriophage biology, mammalian virology, lytic/lysogenic states, virus-caused diseases